

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A carton for containing one or more products, the carton comprising:

a front panel;

a first product dispensing configuration wherein the product is accessible through a window formed in the front panel; and

a door selectively providing access to the first window, the door having a first portion being slidable between substantially adjacent first and second major panels being substantially the same length, substantially overlying each other and connected to each other effective to reduce interference between the product and the door portion during opening and closing of the door, the first and second major panels being adjacent parallel to a back major panel and one of the first and second major panels substantially overlying the back major panel, the back major panel having substantially the same length as the first and second major panels, and the back major panel being connected to a back panel, the back panel being opposite the front panel and parallel thereto.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A carton according to claim 8, wherein the carton is convertible between the first product dispensing configuration a second product dispensing configuration effective to allow product access through a window formed in the back panel.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A carton according to claim ~~40~~ 9, wherein the door comprises a second portion being slidable between a second pair of substantially adjacent first and second major panels, the first and second major panels disposed opposite the other pair of first and second major panels.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A carton according to claim 11, wherein the first and second portions of the door are effective to limit the outward extension of the door relative to the front panel.

Claim 13 (Previously Withdrawn): A method of loading product into the interior of a carton formed from a single carton blank, the method comprising:

providing a panel of the carton with a hinged door selectively permitting access to the interior of the carton, the hinged door having at least one side portion extending between the door and the carton;

loading the product into the interior of the carton; and

positioning the side portion of the door to be slidable between two substantially adjacent panels of the carton during loading, the adjacent panels being substantially the same length to limit or avoid interference between the side portion of the hinged door and the product during the loading of the product into the interior of the carton.

Claim 14 (Previously Withdrawn): A method of loading product into the interior of a carton according to claim 13, including adapting the side portion to limit the opening of the door.

Claim 15 (Previously Withdrawn): A method of loading product into the interior of a carton according to claim 13, wherein a window opening is provided in a panel different from the panel having a hinged door.

Claim 16 (Previously Withdrawn): A method for forming a carton from a blank, the blank comprising a front panel having a window opening provided therein, a pair of primary side panels attached to opposite edges of the front panel, and a door having side portions, the door being hinged relative to the front for selectively permitting access to the window opening of the front panel, the method comprising:

providing the front and primary side panels in a substantially coplanar arrangement;
aligning the side portions of the door with the primary side panels while the front and primary side panels remain substantially coplanar; and

positioning a secondary side panel adjacent to each of the primary side panels while the front and primary side panels remain substantially coplanar such that the respective side portion of the door is slidable, when the blank is formed into a carton, between the primary and secondary side panels of the formed carton, each of the secondary side panels being connected to one of the primary side panels along edges thereof.

Claim 17 (Previously Withdrawn): A method for forming a carton according to claim 16, wherein the blank comprises a top panel and a bottom panel attached to opposite edges of the front panel, the front panel edges having the top and bottom panels attached thereto being different from the front panel edges having the primary side panels attached thereto, a back panel attached to edges of the top and bottom panels, the edges of the top and bottom panels having the back panel attached being opposite from those having the front panel attached thereto, the back panel having a pair of tertiary side panels attached thereto along edges thereof being different from the back panel edges having the top and bottom panels attached thereto.

Claim 18 (Previously Withdrawn): A method for forming a carton according to claim 17, comprising providing the carton blank in a collapsed state wherein the front and primary side panels are substantially coplanar and the back and tertiary side panels are substantially coplanar, and the front and primary side panels and the back and tertiary side panels are generally adjacent.

Claim 19 (Previously Withdrawn): A method for forming a carton according to claim 18, comprising shifting the carton blank from the collapsed state to an upright state wherein the top and bottom panels are substantially normal to the front and back panels while the primary side panels remain substantially coplanar with the front panel and the tertiary side panels remain substantially coplanar with the back panel to enable insertion of one or more products between the top, bottom, front, and back panels.

Claim 20 (Previously Withdrawn): A method for forming a carton according to claim 19, comprising folding the primary side panels into a substantially normal alignment with the front panel and folding the tertiary side panels into a substantially normal alignment with the back panel to close the carton.

Claim 21 (Previously Withdrawn): A method for forming a carton according to claim 20, wherein the back panel comprises an opening for permitting access to the interior of the formed carton.

Claims 22 -24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 8, wherein the first major panel is connected on one edge to the front panel and on an opposite edge to the second major panel, and an edge of the back major panel is connected to the back panel.

Claim 26 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 25, wherein the back major panel substantially overlies the first major panel.

Claim 27 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 25, wherein the back major panel substantially overlies the second major panel.

Claim 28 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 25, wherein the back major panel is disposed exteriorly of the carton relative to the first and second major panels.

Claim 29 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 25, wherein the back major panel is disposed interiorly of the carton relative to the first and second major panels.

Claim 30 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 9, wherein the first major panel is connected on one edge to the front panel and on an opposite edge to the second major panel, and an edge of the back major panel is connected to the back panel.

Claim 31 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 30, wherein the back major panel substantially overlies the first major panel.

Claim 32 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 30, wherein the back major panel substantially overlies the second major panel.

Claim 33 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 30, wherein the back major panel is disposed exteriorly of the carton relative to the first and second major panels.

Claim 34 (New): A carton in accordance with claim 30, wherein the back major panel is disposed interiorly of the carton relative to the first and second major panels.

Claim 35 (New): A carton for containing one or more products, the carton comprising:

- a front panel and a back panel spaced apart and generally parallel;
- a window formed in the front panel;
- a door selectively providing access to the first window, the door having a pair of side portions;
- a pair of first and second major panels having substantially the same lengths, one

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of the first major panels being connected at one edge to an edge of the front panel and at an opposite edge to one of the second major panels and the other of the first major panels being connected at one edge to an edge of the front panel and at an opposite edge to the other of the second major panels, each of the connected first and second major panels overlying each other to form a protected region for one of the side portions of the door; and

a pair of back major panels each being connected at one edge to opposing edges of the back panel, each of the back major panels substantially overlying one of pairs of first and second major panels.